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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write regarding the application submitted by the City of Durham for consideration of funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

I understand the City of Durham seeks \$10,000,000 in RAISE funding to construct 1.75 miles of multi-use trail on 17 acres of former railroad right-of-way now owned by the City of Durham. I am told the corridor creates an arc that connects Downtown Durham to residential and commercial areas in the central, north central, and northeastern portions of the city. I also understand the trail will create new, safe connections to the Durham Station Transportation Center, the Amtrak Station, and a growing network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

As this project aims to better serve my constituents' transportation needs, I hope you will give full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the City of Durham. Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Burr

United States Senator

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